

Build Back Better Fire Damaged Vegetation Removal



Trees are an important part of the landscape that we all love. While many trees across the Bega Valley have been impacted by fire, most will recover in time.

There are some trees that have been extensively damaged by recent bushfires and require removal. This fact sheet describes the process to remove hazardous, bushfire-damaged trees

- There is no approval required for the removal of hazardous vegetation adjacent to **dwelling**s that were lost to bushfire or access roads and driveways to these properties. Removal of these trees are covered by the NSW Government's bushfire clean-up process, please register online at www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/nsw-bushfire-clean-register-now
- The **table on the next page** clarifies the requirements for removal of hazardous bushfire damaged vegetation from properties within the bushfire impact area of Bega Valley Shire, **where dwellings remain**. At this stage there is no public funding available to cover the cost of the removal of trees in these areas or the deposit of green waste at Council's transfer stations.
- Approval from Council is not required for the removal of hazardous bushfire-affected trees, where they present a **risk to assets** such as a dwelling, shed, fencing or access road. Large scale removal of fire-impacted native vegetation does require approval.
- Local Land Services in Bega is responsible for **vegetation removal approval in rural areas**. In general terms approval is not required for the removal of hazardous, bushfire damaged native vegetation that may impact dwellings, sheds or farm infrastructure including boundary fences, for more information visit www.lls.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0008/873359/Managing-native-vegetation-after-a-bushfire-emergency.pdf . Large scale clearing of native vegetation does require approval. For any clarification please contact Local Land Service's Bega Office on 6491 7816.
- If you are unsure whether bushfire damaged vegetation on your property is safe, please contact a local arborist.
- Council will be responsible for assessing and removing dangerous trees from roads, parks and other Council managed facilities.

Q. How do I arrange to have dangerous trees on private land removed?

When the clean-up contractors begin work at your property they'll clear the access road and remove dangerous trees around where they're working to ensure the safety of the worksite.

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If you need to manage the removal of trees sooner than that, you can do so without adhering to Council's normal tree assessment process. If the tree/s are dangerous or are creating access problems to your property you can go ahead and arrange to remove them. If you decide to work with private contractors, please keep all your receipts. We're working through a process that will allow you to claim back dangerous tree removal costs through the dedicated clean-up process.

Table of requirements

Locality	Council Approval		Local Land Services Approval	
	Hazardous bushfire damaged native trees – dwelling remains	Large scale removal of fire impacted native vegetation (contact Council)	Hazardous bushfire damaged trees – risk to dwelling, rural infrastructure / fencing etc	Large scale removal of fire impacted native vegetation (contact LLS)
Bemboka Village	No	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable
Boydton area	No	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable
Burragate surrounds	Not applicable	Not applicable	No	Yes
Cobargo surrounds	Not applicable	Not applicable	No	Yes
Cobargo Village	No	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable
Coolagolite	Not applicable	Not applicable	No	Yes
Devils Hole	Not applicable	Not applicable	No	Yes
Dignams Creek	Not applicable	Not applicable	No	Yes
Kiah and surrounds	No	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable
Lower Towamba	Not applicable	Not applicable	No	Yes
Mt Darragh	Not applicable	Not applicable	No	Yes
Myrtle Mountain	Not applicable	Not applicable	No	Yes
Nethercote	No	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable
New Buildings	Not applicable	Not applicable	No	Yes
Numbugga	Not applicable	Not applicable	No	Yes
Polacks Flat	Not applicable	Not applicable	No	Yes
Quaama surrounds	Not applicable	Not applicable	No	Yes
Quaama Village	No	Yes	Not applicable	Yes
Rileys Rd Area	No	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable
Rocky Hall	Not applicable	Not applicable	No	Yes
Tantawangalo	Not applicable	Not applicable	No	Yes
Timbillica	Not applicable	Not applicable	No	Yes
Towamba surrounds	Not applicable	Not applicable	No	Yes
Towamba village	No	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable
Upper Brogo	Not applicable	Not applicable	No	Yes
Verona	Not applicable	Not applicable	No	Yes
Wandella	Not applicable	Not applicable	No	Yes
Wonboyn	No	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable
Wyndham surrounds	Not applicable	Not applicable	No	Yes
Wyndham Village	No	Yes	No	No
Yankees Gap	Not applicable	Not applicable	No	Yes
Yowrie	Not applicable	Not applicable	No	Yes